

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JOHN KOZA—EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize John Koza, a Mantua Township Eagle Scout who achieved Scouting's highest rank. John is a senior at Gloucester County Institute of Technology and is enrolled in the Performing Arts Academy. He will be attending Rowan University in the fall, pursuing a dual degree in Business and Political Science. For his Eagle Scout Project, John oversaw the construction and staining of a bookcase, cabinet, and safety measures at Saint Margaret's Church of the Infant Jesus Parish in Woodbury Heights. With the help of scouts and adult volunteers, the project took 153 hours to complete. John held positions as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Bugler, and Den Chief throughout his time as a scout. John attended the National Jamboree in 2017 and remains one of his most memorable highlights of his scouting experience. John earned a total of 28 merit badges and obtained his BSA Lifeguard Certification during his time as a Scout. John has done wonderful things for the South Jersey community over the years, and I know he will excel at Rowan University. God Bless John and God Bless America.

HONORING AVERY FRENCH OF  
TURKEY HILL SCHOOL IN OR-  
ANGE, CONNECTICUT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, each year the community of Orange, Connecticut gathers for a solemn ceremony to mark Memorial Day. As part of this ceremony, local elementary school students are invited to submit essays that share their thoughts on Memorial Day and its meaning to them. Submissions from each of the community's three elementary schools are selected to be included in the ceremony. I had the opportunity to join the Orange ceremony this year and was inspired by the words of this year's winners and am pleased to have this opportunity to share them.

Avery French, a student at Turkey Hill School submitted the following essay:

Memorial Day is a special holiday for all Americans. We celebrate and honor all the soldiers who have bravely given up their lives so we could be a free country. We honor those who fought for our country's future generations. All the soldiers we honor today cared about more than just themselves, they thought about us and sacrificed their lives for the future of our country.

Memorial Day shouldn't be confused with the similar holiday, Veterans Day. Veterans Day honors all who have served in the armed

forces while Memorial Day honors those who have died in the forces. Memorial Day was originally given the name Decoration Day because of the tradition of people decorating the graves of the country's fallen heroes. Memorial Day was officially titled a federal holiday in 1971. The tradition of honoring the fallen soldiers started the years following the Civil War. The Civil War claimed many lives of the country's soldiers. People held tributes in the late 60's, around the time the Civil War ended, to honor the dead soldiers, leaving flowers and other decorations at their graves. While it is unclear how the tradition started, it was declared by the Federal Government in 1966 that Waterloo, New York was Memorial Day's official birthplace. Quote from History.com, "On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there." This was very important because it was the first time that people had the ability to remember those who died in the armed forces with others.

We celebrate this holiday known as Memorial Day to remember those who have passed that fought hard. On Memorial Day we will remember those who we will for now and forever remember as America's Heroes. So yes, we celebrate Memorial Day in honor of American soldiers.

For more than two hundred years American soldiers have answered the call to defend our land and our values of freedom and democracy. With annual ceremonies like the one in Orange, that engage our youngest citizens, we ensure that we will never forget that our armed forces have a long and proud history, and that every one of our veterans has demonstrated outstanding courage, dedication, and service. It is my honor to rise today to thank Avery French for her very special contribution to Memorial Day and her community.

HONORING THE 175 INVENTORS IN-  
DUCTED AS THE 2020 FELLOWS  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF  
INVENTORS

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2020 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Tampa, FL that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents, Andrew Hirshfeld. To be named as a Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 4,800 patents. This year's class of Fellows includes individuals from 115 research universities and non-profit research institutes span-

ning across the United States and the world. The now 1,403-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 165 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, nearly 600 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 45 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 63 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 40 Nobel Laureates, 392 AAAS Fellows, 264 IEEE Fellows and 184 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions. The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as the ones being inducted this month for their contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2020 NAI Fellows include: JD Albert, University of Pennsylvania; Naofal AlDhahir, The University of Texas at Dallas; Khalil Amine, Argonne National Laboratory; Ananth Annappagada, Baylor College of Medicine; Samuel Asirvatham, Mayo Clinic; William Bachovchin, Tufts University; George Barany, University of Minnesota; Randall Bateman, Washington University in St. Louis; Eric Beckman, University of Pittsburgh; Gary H. Bernstein, University of Notre Dame; Matt A. Bernstein, Mayo Clinic; Vaughn Betz, University of Toronto; Bir Bhanu, University of California; Riverside Venkat Bhethanabotla, University of South Florida; Ronald Biediger, Texas Heart Institute; Alexandra Boltasseva, Purdue University; Donal D.C. Bradley, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology; Bruce Branchaud, University of Oregon; Daniel Brown, Northwestern University; Susan K. Brown, Cornell University; Scott P. Bruder, Case Western Reserve; University Irwin Chaiken, Drexel University; V. Chandrasekar, Colorado State University; Chih-hung Chang, Oregon State University; HsuehChia Chang, University of Notre Dame; Ramalingam Chellappa, Johns Hopkins University; Kuan-Neng Chen, National Chiao Tung University; Jianjun Cheng, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Mung Chiang, Purdue University; Ki Chon, University of Connecticut; Keith M. Chugg, University of Southern California; Mark Clarke, University of Houston; Jason (Jingsheng) Cong, University of California, Los Angeles; Liming Dai, University of New South Wales; Rajesh Dave, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Valina Dawson, Johns Hopkins University; Nancy DeMore, Medical University

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of South Carolina; Reza Derakhshani, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Robert Desnick, Mount Sinai Health System; Michael Diamond, Washington University in St. Louis; Steven Eschrich, H. Lee Mott Cancer Center & Research Institute; Gary Evans, Southern Methodist University; Robin Felder, University of Virginia; Albert J. Fornace Jr., Georgetown University; Gordon Freeman, Harvard University; Alexander Fridman, Drexel University; Andrés García, Georgia Institute of Technology; Sharon Gerech, Johns Hopkins University; M. Monica Giusti, The Ohio State University; Charles Glabe, University of California, Irvine; Martin Gleave, The University of British Columbia; Michael Goldfarb, Vanderbilt University; Carol Greider, Johns Hopkins University; Paul Hansma, University of California, Santa Barbara; Joseph Harding, Washington State University; William Harris, Massachusetts General Hospital Research Institute; Jibo He, Wichita State University; Sidney Hecht, Arizona State University; Richard Heller, University of South Florida; Paul Hergenrother, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; James Hickman, University of Central Florida; Rodney JY Ho, University of Washington; Eric Holmes, Florida State University; David Horsley, University of California, Davis; Tony Jun Huang, Duke University; Scott Hultgren, Washington University in St. Louis; David Hunn, The University of Texas at Arlington; Laurence Hurley, The University of Arizona; Louis Ignarro, University of California, Los Angeles; Bahram Jalali, University of California, Los Angeles; Susan James, Colorado State University; Nikil Jayant, Georgia Institute of Technology; Michael Jewett, Northwestern University; Lizzy Kurian John, The University of Texas at Austin; Henry Kapteyn, University of Colorado Boulder; Thomas Katsouleas, University of Connecticut; Mark Kay, Stanford University; Michael Keidar, The George Washington University; Mark Kendall, Australian National University; Michael Kessler, North Dakota State University; Nicholas Kotov, University of Michigan; Konstantin Kousoulas, Louisiana State University; Boris Kovatchev, University of Virginia; Chung-Chieh "Jay" Kuo, University of Southern California; Hoi-Sing Kwok, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Michael Lebby, Glynwdr University in Wales, UK; Pooi See Lee, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Xiuling Li, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Lanny Liebeskind, Emory University; James Lillard, Morehouse School of Medicine; Chwee Teck Lim, National University of Singapore; Julia Ljubimova, Terasaki Institute for Biomedical Innovation; Laurie Locascio, University of Maryland; Gerald Loeb, University of Southern California; David Luzzi, Northeastern University; Hongbin Ma, University of Missouri-Columbia; Anant Madabhushi, Case Western Reserve University; Duncan J. Maitland, Texas A&M University; Tadeusz Malinski, Ohio University; John Mauro, The Pennsylvania State University; Bill McCutchen, Texas A&M University; Donald McDonnell, Duke University; John McGlone, Texas Tech University; Richard Melker, University of Florida; Anton Middelberg, University of Adelaide, Australia; Richard Miles, Texas A&M University; Charles Mistretta, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Jin Kim Montclare, New York University; Margaret Murnane, University of Colorado Boulder; Mitzi Nagarkatti, University of South Carolina; Vijaykrishnan Narayanan, The Pennsylvania

State University; Denise Ney, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Robert A. Norwood, The University of Arizona; Thomas O'Halloran, Northwestern University; Ann Palmenberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Eleftherios Papoutsakis, University of Delaware; Keshab Parhi, University of Minnesota; Norbert Pelc, Stanford University; Vir V. Phoha, Syracuse University; Peter Pidcoe, Virginia Commonwealth University; Leonard Pinchuk, University of Miami; Ralph Pollier, Louisiana State University; Behnam Pourdeyhimi, North Carolina State University; David Puleo, University of Mississippi; Judit Puskas, The Ohio State University; David Putnam, Cornell University; Si Zhao (Joe) Qin, City University of Hong Kong; Tariq Rana, University of California, San Diego; Thomas Ranney, North Carolina State University; Vilupanur Ravi, California Polytechnic State University; E. Premkumar Reddy, Mount Sinai Health System; Elsa Reichmanis, Lehigh University; Martin Richardson, University of Central Florida; Naphtali Rishe, Florida International University; Michael A. Rogawski, University of California, Davis; Jannick Rolland, University of Rochester; Jean-Francois Rossignol, University of South Florida; Ashutosh Sabharwal, Rice University; Joshua Sakon, University of Arkansas; Ravi Sandhu, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Edward Schuchman, Mount Sinai Health System; Gregory Schultz, University of Florida; Yang Shao-Horn, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Arlene Sharpe, Harvard University; Rahul Shrivastav, University of Georgia; Sachdev Sidhu, University of Toronto; Larry Sklar, The University of New Mexico; Daniel K. Sodickson, New York University; David Stephens, Emory University; Szymon Suckewer, Princeton University; Timothy Swager, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Nongjian Tao, Arizona State University; Nitish Thakor, Johns Hopkins University; Albelt I. Titus, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; John Trent, University of Louisville; Van N. Truskett, The University of Texas at Austin; Din-Ping Tsai, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Ranji Vaidyanathan, Oklahoma State University; George Varghese, University of California, Los Angeles; John Volakis, Florida International University; Luis Von Ahn, Carnegie Mellon University; Bipin Vora, Illinois Institute of Technology; Haiyan Wang, Purdue University; Lihong Wang, California Institute of Technology; Joyce Y. Wong, Boston University; Neal Woodbury, Arizona State University; Han-Chung Wu, Academia Sinica; Changhui Yang, California Institute of Technology; Gerald Zamponi, University of Calgary; Ling Zang, The University of Utah; Feng Zhang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Liangfang Zhang, University of California, San Diego; Jia Zhou, The University of Texas Medical Branch; MengChu Zhou, New Jersey Institute of Technology; S. Kevin Zhou, Chinese Academy of Sciences & The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

#### DOO WOP DRIVE-IN

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to speak about the nostalgic Doo

Wop Drive-In and its founder, Jason Kramer. Doo Wop Drive-In is located in Wildwood Crest, South Jersey and was established last year. I had the pleasure of meeting Jason a couple of weeks ago, and his hard work and dedication to his theater should be an inspiration to all. Jason had the idea of owning a drive-in theater since he was a kid. He loves movies and remembers the good times of going to a drive-in with his family. Jason closes off the parking lot for the drive-in and people will bring chairs, blankets, coolers, and anything else that will make their experience special. Doo Wop Drive-In not only allows people to bring their own food and drinks, but the movie is free, and popcorn is also provided. Jason wanted to open a drive-in so it could be enjoyed by his community. He wanted to make the experience very affordable and a fun place for families to bring their children. It is people like Jason who make me proud to be from South Jersey and proud to have the opportunity to represent the South Jersey community. God Bless Jason and his family and God Bless America.

#### RECOGNIZING FRICTION SCIENCE, INC. AND GOODYEAR BRAKE'S SUPPORT OF "BUY AMERICAN"

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Friction Science, Inc. and Goodyear Brakes' contribution and support to a thriving domestic manufacturing sector and the "Buy American" initiative.

With 50 years of service, Goodyear Brakes and FDP Friction Science Inc., headquartered in Tappahannock, Virginia employs more than 150 local residents and contributes significantly to the local economy. Goodyear Brakes and FDP Friction Sciences Inc. continue to do their part to ensure a strong domestic manufacturing workforce.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in congratulating to Goodyear Brakes and FDP Friction Science Inc. on their monumental effort to build brake pads and shoes in the United States and support the goal of "Buy American."

#### RECOGNIZING THE McLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM AND COACH THOMPSON

#### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the McLennan Community College baseball team recently won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Championship. The Highlanders capped their season with a victory over reigning champion Central Arizona by a score of 7-3 at Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colorado, in the championship game to complete an undefeated run at the Junior College World Series. For McLennan, located in Waco,

Texas, this was the team's first appearance in the finals since 2015 and its second national championship in baseball, with the first coming in 1983.

The Highlanders are led by head coach Mitch Thompson, my brother-in-law. For Thompson, who has had a long and distinguished baseball career, this was his first national championship. Thompson played college baseball at Fort Hays State University in Kansas, where he twice earned academic all-conference honors and served as team captain as a senior. Following his graduation from Fort Hays State in 1988, Thompson began his coaching career. Prior to being named the head coach at McLennan in 2013, Thompson served as an assistant at Mississippi State University, Radford University, Auburn University, and Baylor University. Additionally, he was a scout for the Kansas City Royals organization in 2013. Throughout his coaching career, Thompson has become widely respected as a recruiter and evaluator of talent.

I want to congratulate Coach Thompson and his team on their fantastic season. Coming off a year in which the baseball season was cut short, this season provided unique challenges and was unlike any other the players had previously experienced. I am proud of the McLennan team and all that the Highlanders accomplished this year by bringing home the top prize in junior college baseball.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF STEVE KERR FROM WHEELER MISSION

##### HON. TREY HOLLINGSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader Steve Kerr. Steve is retiring after 28 years of service to Wheeler Mission, a ministry that has been serving Hoosiers for over 128 years, including two locations in my district.

Steve has been with Wheeler since November 22, 1993. He began his role as the Capital Campaign Director and then moved into the Director of Development role. He has built a strong legacy that has impacted thousands of lives, went from three staff members to now twenty-two who make sure the needs of residents, staff, donors and volunteers are met daily.

In 2003 Steve had the vision to bring runners, walkers, and families together on Thanksgiving Day to help raise money for the ministry. The Drumstick Dash is now headed into its 19th Dash and continues to grow. People from all over the country descend on Indy and virtually to "Move Their Feet So Others Can Eat." The annual campaign, along with other special events, raises around million dollars each year for this vital ministry.

Wheeler Mission offers the Indianapolis and Bloomington communities homeless shelters, residential programming, addiction recovery services, and social enterprises. Wheeler has adapted to meet the community's ever-changing needs and is unwavering in its commitment to Christ and the transformation through the Gospel. I thank Steve Kerr for his commitment to Wheeler Mission, and the lives he has and will continue to impact due to his legacy.

#### HONORING AVERY ALVES OF TURKEY HILL SCHOOL IN ORANGE, CONNECTICUT

##### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, each year the community of Orange, Connecticut gathers for a solemn ceremony and parade to mark Memorial Day. As part of this ceremony, local elementary school students are invited to submit artwork that reflects the special meaning of Memorial Day. One of these submissions is chosen as the cover art for the community's Memorial Day program. I had the opportunity to join the Orange ceremony this year and was inspired by the artwork by Avery Alves of Turkey Hill School, the student whose artwork was selected for the program cover.

I only wish that I could submit the actual artwork. Avery did a wonderful job and I will try to do it justice with this description. On a white backdrop blue blocked letters spell out "Orange, CT"; scripted in black just below "Memorial Day"; blocked red letters spell "Parade"; at the center of the page is a beautifully rendered bald eagle clutching an American flag in its talons; just below scripted in black are the words "Never Forget"; and the final line, once again blocked in blue lettering, is "Ever Honor." For one so young, Avery's artwork is a stirring reminder of why we gather each year to pay homage to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our Nation.

For more than two hundred years American soldiers have answered the call to defend our land and our values of freedom and democracy. With annual ceremonies like the one in Orange, that engage our youngest citizens, we ensure that we will never forget that our armed forces have a long and proud history, and that every one of our veterans has demonstrated outstanding courage, dedication, and service. It is my honor to rise today to thank Avery Alves for her very special contribution to Memorial Day and her community.

##### DEKON FASHAW, SR.

##### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to speak about an inspiring citizen of Cape May, New Jersey—Dekon Fashaw, Sr. Back in February, he became the first Black police chief for the City of Cape May. Before becoming police chief, Dekon was with the Cape May Police Department for 22 years. Throughout his career, he longed to be a police officer because he felt that it was important for a man of color to be in the esteemed position to look after his community. Dekon has the support of many behind him, including his predecessor, Anthony Marino. The City of Cape May Mayor Zack Mullok also emphasized how Dekon has brought the community together through his positive attitude and desire to care for people. I have no doubt that Dekon will serve and protect the City of Cape May. He is an exceptional man who has dedi-

cated his life to public service. God Bless him and God Bless America.

##### HALBERT SULLIVAN

##### HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Halbert Sullivan, founder and CEO of Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) who passed away on April 15, 2021. Mr. Sullivan is a shining personification of triumphing over mistakes and using them as a catalyst for change. As the founder of FFSC, Mr. Sullivan was continually recognized for his groundbreaking work in the community, including being awarded with the Gold Pin for the President's Volunteer Service Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Partnership of Community Leadership, multiple honors from the NAACP, Missouri Association of Social Welfare, Washington University, and many others. In 2017, Mr. Sullivan was also named St. Louis' Nonprofit Executive of the Year. He was unquestionably a change agent whose work and impact reverberated in the lives of every person he touched. St. Louis has been made lastingly better because of his legacy and he will be sorely and widely missed.

#### HONORING SHERIFF JOHN ROBERTSON

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff John Robertson and to recognize his extensive contributions to our community through his leadership in law enforcement.

A California native, Sheriff Robertson was born and raised in Burlingame, California. He went on to attend San Diego State University, where he received his degree in Criminal Justice. Sheriff Robertson began his accomplished career in Law Enforcement at the San Mateo Police Department in 1981. It was there that he established his expertise in Hazardous Materials, Explosives, and Incident Management. Since June 1991, Sheriff Robertson has been with the Napa County Sheriffs Office, where he established himself as a natural leader and resource to the Napa community. Soon after, he began teaching at the Police Academy and Criminal Justice Training Center, where he instructed both Academy Cadets and law enforcement officers on a wide variety of topics.

He became Sheriff of Napa County in 2012 serving for 11 years, including during the terrible earthquake in 2014 and the apocalyptic fires in 2017, 2019, and 2020. Sheriff Robertson's leadership and innovation has recently led to a pilot program utilizing the European "Hi-Lo" siren in patrol cars for use during evacuations. As a result, departments across California began participating in this program, leading to the passage of Senate Bill 909, which amended the California Vehicle Code to

allow for Sheriff Robertson's idea to become an industry norm nationwide.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Robertson has never lost sight of the importance of Community Policing. He has tirelessly advocated for programs to improve his community, including bicycle patrol in jurisdictions like Yountville and Sheriffs Activities League programs in Napa and American Canyon. Serving under the mantra "The less you say, the more people listen," Sheriff Robertson has established himself as a leader in his community and continues to be a resource to elected officials and department directors alike. His extensive legacy will be continued by his son, Jack, who is serving as Deputy Sheriff in Solano County. I wish my friend, colleague, and cycling partner well in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, it is no doubt that Sheriff Robertson's achievements will leave a tremendous impact for generations to come. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF CARLA DOLES

##### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Carla Doles. Carla just retired after 44 years of service as a public-school teacher and show choir director. All 44 years of her career as an educator were in northeast Indiana.

She was a beloved figure of her community, wielding a profound and lasting influence upon students across two school districts for more than two generations. 27 years of her career were spent at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne; the other 17 at Norwell High School in Ossian.

Carla's love for her vocation and devotion to her students' future was evident every single day. That love and devotion inspired the confidence of many of her students to compete in choral and other national competitions across the country.

It was also evident in her desire to create new opportunities for students. Carla helped found the small mixed (men & women) division of show choirs.

I wish Carla the best for all that she has done after a long and distinguished career. This is a testament to her service and selflessness for which Fort Wayne, Ossian and the entirety of our region is grateful.

#### DANIEL LEVINE—EAGLE SCOUT

##### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize Daniel Levine, a Mantua Township Eagle Scout who achieved Scouting's highest rank. Daniel is a senior at Gloucester County Institute of Technology and is enrolled in their Performing Arts Academy. In the fall, Daniel will be attending Rowan College of South Jersey. For his Eagle Scout

Project, Daniel created a sensory path by the playground at Sewell Elementary School. This project provided the children who attended the elementary school the opportunity to do fun activities and work on their gross motor skills. During his time as a Scout, Daniel served as both Assistant Patrol Leader and a Den Chief. Daniel has also earned 35 merit badges as his time as a Scout. Daniel has excelled throughout his time as a scout, and I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes in the future. God Bless Daniel and God Bless America.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JODY HUBBARD

##### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jody Hubbard, a former Encinitas city councilmember, who passed away on June 7, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jody's life-long dedication to the environment pushed her to serve her community, first as an engaged citizen, then as a Planning Commissioner, and finally as an elected City Council Member and Deputy Mayor of the City of Encinitas from 2018 to 2020. She led the fight for city transportation projects, including a new protected bike lane along Coast Highway 101. She leaves a personal legacy of popular spaces where people walk, run and bicycle safely, including the Coastal Rail Trail and Leucadia Streetscape.

She was an avid bodysurfer and cyclist, especially around her community of Cardiff by the Sea, along the scenic northern coast of San Diego County. She had an infectious smile and was a crucial member of the Encinitas community.

A Southern California native, Jody started her career as a certified public accountant with large public accounting firms followed by fifteen years as a chief financial officer and vice president of finance in the construction and mortgage industries. She then began her own business to provide long-term care planning to serve families in providing for the care of parents and grandparents.

Jody Hubbard will be long remembered by her mother Joanne, her many friends, and everyone she touched.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I was absent from one vote on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 176.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2021, I voted NAY on

Roll Call 180 (Passage of H.R. 2062, the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act of 2021) when I meant to vote YEA. I would like to clarify that my intention was to vote YEA on Roll Call 180.

#### HONORING ARMAAN SHRIVASTAV OF RACE BROOK SCHOOL IN ORANGE, CONNECTICUT

##### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, each year the community of Orange, Connecticut gathers for a solemn ceremony to mark Memorial Day. As part of this ceremony, local elementary school students are invited to submit essays that share their thoughts on Memorial Day and its meaning to them. Submissions from each of the community's three elementary schools are selected to be included in the ceremony. I had the opportunity to join the Orange ceremony this year and was inspired by the words of this year's winners and am pleased to have this opportunity to share them.

Armaan Shrivastav, a student at Race Brook School submitted the following essay:

Why is Memorial Day Celebrated? Unreasoning leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to desire for power. Power leads to war. For war, we need soldiers. So many soldiers die serving their nation. Memorial Day is for remembering those brave soldiers who gave up their lives for their fellow citizens.

Memorial Day is when we honor and remember the brave soldiers. We celebrate Memorial Day to show respect for them. We must thank these soldiers who sacrificed themselves for the country. Memorial Day is a day to bow to them. Many people celebrate this day by going to their family's graves together and hold a gathering or participate in a parade. New York is the birthplace of Memorial Day. After the Civil War, which claimed many lives, people started decorating graves with flowers. This came to be known as Decoration Day. Since then, people have started giving more importance to this day by visiting soldier's graves every year, so the government officially announced the last Monday of May as Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May. This year Memorial Day is on 31st May. We should all honor these brave soldiers, offer flowers to them and remember their selfless service for the nation and what they did for us.

For more than two hundred years American soldiers have answered the call to defend our land and our values of freedom and democracy. With annual ceremonies like the one in Orange, that engage our youngest citizens, we ensure that we will never forget that our armed forces have a long and proud history, and that every one of our veterans has demonstrated outstanding courage, dedication, and service. It is my honor to rise today to thank Armaan Shrivastav for his very special contribution to Memorial Day and his community.

## BROADWAY SCOOPS

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I had the pleasure of attending the opening ceremony of Broadway Scoops in Pennsville, South Jersey. At the opening, I met Gary and Sabrina Green who opened Broadway Scoops' doors after finding inspiration through their love for ice cream. The entire shop was constructed by local small businesses and the supplies were sourced from local small businesses as well. Gary and Sabrina wanted to create a place where their local community could come in with their families and have a space to try ice cream and relax outdoors. There are picnic tables, checkers, corn hole, and various other games that patrons can come and enjoy free of charge. Gary and Sabrina told me how the support from their local community has been overwhelming and friends and family have traveled across the country to support their business. It is amazing to see South Jersey small business prosper, and I wish Gary and Sabrina the best of luck in their new venture. God Bless Gary and Sabrina and God Bless America.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for Roll Call vote No. 180 on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act of 2021, RC No. 180.

The Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act would overturn a 2009 Supreme Court ruling on the basis that the decision negatively impacted age discrimination cases; however, there is no data to support that claim. In fact, this legislation would eliminate the carefully balanced standard Congress adopted when it passed the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and result in frivolous litigation against small businesses.

Since my first day in office, I have been squarely focused on what I was sent here to do: represent Hoosiers of the 6th District.

## GO FOR BROKE STAMP

**HON. ED CASE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize and honor . . . a stamp.

A stamp just issued by the U.S. Postal Service that, with stunning simplicity, remembers, recognizes and honors one of the most remarkable and inspirational stories in the whole of our country's history.

A story of tragedy, perseverance and triumph that is so quintessentially American, that

goes so deeply to our essence, that offers the most fundamental lessons that we must never forget.

And that is the point of this stamp: that we never forget the story of the Japanese American soldiers of World War Two and their famous motto which is its own lesson: Go For Broke.

For many of us, the story is well known and has instructed and inspired our own lives. But for a growing number of our fellow citizens of our country and world it is not, and so permit me a brief retelling.

The story originates in Japan in the late 1800s when largely rural poverty and lack of opportunity drove emigration to the United States, mainly Hawaii and the West Coast, until the Exclusion Act of 1924 ended any substantial further immigration. This first generation, or Issei, were excluded by reason of their race and origin from citizenship, yet they worked and sacrificed and persevered to provide a better life for their children, the second generation, or Nisei, born American citizens.

As World War Two loomed, Americans of Japanese Ancestry were beginning their third generation, or Sansei, in substantial communities, yet they remained largely marginalized because of race. In my Hawaii, they constituted over one third of our population, yet largely still labored on plantations or worked in small businesses. The same was true on the West Coast, from Washington through Oregon to San Diego. Some Nisei saw war with Japan coming and sought to enlist in our armed services, but they were largely denied out of race and suspicion and sought to prove themselves through service in the guard or, in Hawaii, the Varsity Victory Volunteers.

Pearl Harbor changed everything. Infamously, over one hundred thousand Japanese were interned for their race, an indelible stain on our national fabric. And after years of Japanese Americans pushing to be allowed to prove their loyalty by enlisting and fighting, the military finally relented with the 100th Infantry Battalion (the One-Puka-Puka), the 442nd regimental Combat Team ("Go For Broke"), the Military Intelligence Service and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

The rest, as they say, is legend. The 100th and 442nd, after enduring great discrimination and great kindness in mainland training camps where Jim Crow was still very much alive, and even as their parents and brothers and sisters were incarcerated by their government, shipped out and fought their way with the U.S. Army from Africa up through Sicily and Italy and the Rhone and into France and the famous Battles of the Vosges and the Bulge and then into Germany itself where they liberated the concentration camps of the Third Reich. When it was all over, they had lost so many comrades and had become the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in our nation's history.

But it was not just for their wartime service that they are remembered, but their faith in and dedication to their country upon their return, itself marked even after all that by racism and discrimination. Many of them went on to careers in public service, like U.S. Senator and Medal Of Honor winner Daniel Inouye and U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga, and many more in other professions and careers and back in their communities where they quietly fought for the principle that the American dream belonged to all Americans.

What an American story, and for all this we honored them in 2010 with our Congressional Gold Medal. But was that enough; would it all be remembered?

Three Japanese American women in California who themselves had been incarcerated—Fusa Takahashi, Chiz Ohira and Aiko King—thought not, and in 2005 they launched Stamp Our Story to convince the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp in honor and remembrance of the Japanese American soldiers of World War Two. Sixteen long years later, through continued advocacy led in Congress by my Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and my colleagues here now and before—especially U.S. Congressman Mark Takai, himself a Japanese American veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, tragically lost to us—this beautiful and moving stamp, impeccably designed by Antonio Alcalá, was issued just weeks ago.

The design is taken from a 1944 photograph in the field of 442nd Private First Class Shiroku "Whitey" Yamamoto, a Nisei born and raised in the plantation village of Ninole on the Hamakua Coast of my home island of Hawaii. His service included the famous rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion in the Vosges, when the 442nd's casualties far exceeded the number of their mostly white comrades rescued. Legend has it that the motto "Go For Broke"—or in our pidgin go fo broke—originated in Hawaii gambling slang for going big against all odds. The soldier's face speaks of fatigue, of questions, but above all of Gaman, of perseverance through great adversity to a better place. Such a fitting tribute, so appropriate. And made possible by so many, including colleagues who are here with me today to contribute their own thoughts.

Madam Speaker, we are all grateful for the opportunity to remember and retell the American story of the Japanese American soldiers of World War II and to celebrate the lessons of their service and lives through their stamp.

To close, I'd like to recite the 442nd's special song:

Four Forty Second Infantry  
We are the boys of Hawai'i nei  
We will fight for you  
And the red, white and blue  
And will go to the front  
And back to Honolulu-lu-lu  
Fighting for dear old Uncle Sam  
Go for broke we don't give a damn!  
We will round up the huns  
At the point of a gun  
And the victory will be ours!  
Go for broke! Four Four Two!  
Go for broke! Four Four Two!  
And victory will be ours.  
Mahalo.

COMMENDING FOURTH DISTRICT  
STUDENTS ON 2021 UNITED  
STATES SERVICE ACADEMY  
NOMINATIONS

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two exceptional students of Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District. These two young men recently accepted appointments into United States Service Academies,

bringing their home district extreme pride in their academic excellence, desire to serve, and commitment to patriotism.

I take this time to congratulate Harrison Brownlee of Hot Springs on his acceptance of an appointment to the United States Military Academy and Cody Lambert of Redfield on his acceptance of an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. These young Americans embody qualities of academic excellence and service above self which are necessary for military service.

These two young men are a tremendous source of pride not just for their hometowns, but for the entire Fourth Congressional District. Their commitment to excellence is to be commended, but it is their love of country, defense of liberty, and pursuit of a freer America that truly sets them apart from all others.

I take this time to honor them for their successes, encourage them on this new pursuit, and thank them for their example to the rest of the country of what a patriot truly is.

#### BAYSHORE HERITAGE BYWAY

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to speak about a historical and scenic road in South Jersey, the Bayshore Heritage Byway. Earlier this year in February, the Federal Highway Administration selected the Bayshore Heritage Byway as a National Scenic Byway. This is a wonderful accomplishment and I congratulate all of those who have worked towards achieving this goal. The Bayshore Heritage Byway was nominated on two intrinsic qualities: its natural beauty and historical components. It will now be featured in a commemorative 2021 National Scenic Byways Program Designations Booklet and will also be listed on the America's Byways website. The Bayshore Heritage Byway is full of beauty and history and I am proud that a South Jersey landmark has been given this distinct recognition.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes because I was under medical care. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 173, YEA on Roll Call No. 174; NAY on Roll Call No. 175; NAY on Roll Call No. 176; NAY on Roll Call No. 177; NAY on Roll Call No. 178; YEA on Roll Call No. 179; and NAY on Roll Call No. 180.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELEVATION OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and recognize Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople on the historic 30th Anniversary of his election on October 22, 1991, and his elevation on November 2, 1991, as the 270th Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was born in the village of Zeytinli on the island of Imbros to Christos and Merope Archontonis. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew belongs to the historically indigenous Rum people, descendants of the Eastern Roman Empire/Byzantine Empire Greek community in Turkey.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is recognized in the United States and abroad as a leader in the quest for world peace, greater religious understanding, and respect for the Earth's environment. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is the spiritual leader of nearly 300,000,000 Orthodox Christians around the world and millions of Orthodox Christians in the United States, with a significant population here in Illinois and the City of Chicago.

On his first official visit to the United States in 1997, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received the Congressional Gold Medal, presented by the United States on behalf of Congress in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to religious understanding and peace. His Holiness was recognized by the United States in a manner reserved for a very small number of world leaders.

I am grateful for all the good that His All Holiness does for Americans and those around the world. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew serves as a reminder to us all that the positive efforts of just one person can be beneficial to countless lives of others.

#### CLARIFICATION TO REPRESENTATIVE LIZ CHENEY'S COMMENTS

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address what I think, and what I think the record will establish, are errors pertaining to my inquiry into circumstances surrounding the killing of Ashli Babbitt.

There are rules of decorum in the House of Representatives. In debate, members are to "avoid characterizing another Member's personal intent or motives and discussing personalities." Another rule is that members are to "refrain from speaking disrespectfully of the Speaker, other Members." When made on the floor, such disrespectful behavior and boorish conduct is subject to objection to take down the words. But no such process applies when rude, impolite and candidly false statements are made about one member by another off the floor. So, I take this opportunity now to address and correct the incorrect statements ut-

tered by Rep. LIZ CHENEY, the now former conference chair.

On June 16, 2021, Rep. CHENEY tweeted the following: "On January 6, as the violent mob advanced on the House chamber, I was standing near @RepGosar and helped him open his gas mask. The Capitol Police led us to safety. It is disgusting and despicable to see Gosar lie about that day and smear the men and women who defended us."

First, I did not wear a gas mask on January 6. Second, at no time have I "smeared" any of the "men and women who defended us" nor did I "lie about that day." What I have done is ask questions and demanded transparency. I did express concerns over the actions of one Capitol Police officer, the one who shot and killed Ashli Babbitt. Merely questioning the actions of one officer does not equate to questioning (much less "smeared") "all" the "men and women who defended" us, as stated by Ms. CHENEY. This is a false comparison and not true at all.

I will not be intimidated by false implications. I will continue to seek transparency and find out why, who, and how the officer that killed Ashli Babbitt did what he did. There could be good, solid reasons for using lethal force at that moment. Perhaps he thought Ashli was armed with a knife, a bat, or a gun. Maybe he simply panicked. Unfortunately, with the evidence currently released, we have one video (taken by a CNN collaborator who, while filming for CNN, urged people to "burn" the Capitol) and that video does not show a gun, a bat, or any weapon whatsoever. The video simply shows an unarmed woman starting to climb a window. If there is evidence to the contrary, I have called for its immediate release. I call for all the evidence, all video from that day, whether it incriminates or exonerates. The goal, my goal, is truth.

I have maintained my demand for release of all surveillance video. As it stands, all the American public has, in terms of evidence, is that (1) Ashli Babbitt was in the process of a misdemeanor (entering federal property without permission); (2) Ashli was unarmed; (3) Ashli was a 14-year military veteran who loved her country, the Constitution, and wanted election integrity; (4) no verbal instructions or warnings were given; (5) no escalation of force continuum was considered or used prior to using lethal force; and (6) no aid was rendered by the officer once he killed Ashli. All of these factors suggest an unlawful use of force, and the American public has a right to find out if that is true. Getting to the bottom of this incident is not an indictment of all Capitol police officers and such a suggestion is not logical or fact based.

I have spoken to law enforcement experts. I have watched the only video that is publicly available of the shooting of Ashli Babbitt. The officer that shot Ms. Babbitt is seen on the video hiding in a vestibule. All that can be seen are his hands holding a loaded side arm pointing at Ms. Babbitt. For approximately 14 seconds. The only video available shows no verbal or non-verbal warnings. No effort to tell Ms. Babbitt not to climb through the window. No effort to push her back or use non-lethal force of any type. Rather, after hiding in a vestibule and aiming for 14 seconds, the officer fires one round from the side, killing Ms. Babbitt. Thus, this officer went from "officer presence" straight to lethal force, and skipped verbal commands, soft controls, hard controls

and intermediate weapons. The jump to lethal force needs to be fully reviewed and investigated. At present, it does not appear justified. If there is justification, release the evidence now.

One law enforcement expert I talked to described this as lying in wait to shoot someone and a criminal offense. This was not acceptable police work. I reject the comment that one must either support every police officer 100 percent of the time or be “against” law enforcement, or to quote my colleague, to “smear” all police officers everywhere. Such notions are not worthy of serious discussion. I put my record of support for law enforcement up for comparison to anyone. But support need not be blind . . . or stupid. I can take issue with a bad cop. I can take issue with a bad killing. To see this swept under the rug under some false pretext of “he was protecting Congress” is as ridiculous as it is insulting. Using that logic, no police officer would ever be challenged on any killing—“He was trying to uphold the law.” Using this logic, that would end the inquiry. That is not how our laws work.

Life is not that simple. The law of self-defense and the defense of others is based on the circumstances. Was the attacker armed? Did the officer have time to use non-lethal force? Was there backup? Was the suspect warned or commanded? What exactly was the risk? Trespassing risk is different than a risk of assault or murder. In this case, Ashli may or may not have been trespassing. I say this only because depending on what door she went through, some of the people in the Capitol on January 6th were literally invited in by the guards. But assuming she was trespassing, did she pose an imminent risk of death to the officer or someone else? This unarmed 110-pound woman, who was draped in a flag and trying to climb a window? Why did the Officer wait 14 seconds to shoot all the while aiming at her? Why did he not audibly warn her? Why didn't he step out of his hiding place and confront her? Or use a taser? Or a baton? Or simply push her back out?

These issues, and the professional opinion of a law enforcement expert, lead to the conclusion that the officer that shot Ashli Babbitt was lying in wait, hid for 14 seconds, then used lethal force to kill an unarmed, non-threatening woman. If that is true, then no way does this constitute a lawful killing. The fact that some members think it is acceptable police work, and call me a liar for pointing out these so far undisputed facts, reflects more on naked hatred for the truth than a love of transparency and honesty. If anyone thinks this is good police work, release all the evidence so we can discuss it. I stand by my concerns, and my questions, and I stand with the American people who demand answers.

HONORING HAMDEN HEROES DAY  
2021

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, over the course of the last fifteen months, our commu-

nities and our constituents have faced the unique challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have ensured the biggest health and economic crisis our country has seen in a century. What has inspired me most as we have navigated this pandemic has been the unyielding fortitude of our communities and the commitment and dedication of our frontline workers. That is why I was so honored to have been invited to join Hamden Heroes Day where the community gathered to express its thanks and appreciation to the frontline workers who live in and/or work for the Town.

Connecticut was hit harder than most as COVID-19 spread across New England before it reached many other parts of the country. Over 8,000 Connecticut residents died during this pandemic. Nearly 350,000 have been infected, many of whom are our frontline workers. This year, the Hamden Heroes Committee decided to pay tribute to the frontline workers in their community—our police, fire and emergency medical response personnel; our health department and public works employees; our teachers, nurses, and doctors; our gas station attendants, grocery workers, and convenience store workers; our certified nurse assistants and all those who provide care for those in the community who are older; our childcare providers who help struggling families to make ends meet; and our farmers and food distribution staff who literally are the ones putting food on our tables. Despite the risks, these frontline workers showed up and did their jobs while many of us worked comfortably from home.

These past fifteen months have been extremely challenging, but their dedication to their jobs and the Hamden community never wavered. Every day, they got up and committed their time and talent to serve the people of Hamden. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. They have my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for all they do, and we are deeply grateful for all their sacrifices. Their selfless and courageous service helped make it possible for us to get through these tough times. For that, and so much more, we thank them.

At the conclusion of the event, the Hamden Heroes Committee made a request of the elected officials that attended the event. They asked for the day to be declared “Hamden Heroes Day” and their elected leaders help spread the word to other communities in the hopes that they too will join in thanking the essential workers. It is my hope that by honoring Hamden Heroes Day, I can do some small part in encouraging communities across the Nation to come together as well.

BARRY'S BUNS

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Barry's Buns, and its owners Joel and Jen Singer. Barry's Buns just opened a new location in Wildwood Crest in South Jersey, and I was able to meet with Joel and Jen and attend the grand opening. The inspiration for the name “Barry's Buns” comes from Joel,

who's middle name is Barry. He also says that he was born to be a baker. Joel has always wanted to have his own bakery, and when he was just 14 years old, he started his own cheesecake business. He graduated with a degree in Pastry Arts and was the Assistant Pastry Chef at the Rittenhouse Hotel. Joel drew inspiration to open up his own business from his father, who before his passing had his own farmers style market. Joel developed a passion for customer service from watching his dad, and when a location opened up in Pennsylvania, he knew it was time to start his own bakery. Jen handles the business side of Barry's Buns and its day-to-day operations. Now, Joel and Jen own two locations, and I know that South Jersey will continue to provide overwhelming support for Barry's Buns. God Bless Joel and Jen and God Bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF KATHLEEN “KITTY” HILL KUNZ OF BOISE, IDAHO

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kathleen “Kitty” Hill Kunz. Kitty worked as my regional director in Pocatello, Idaho. Kitty always had a smile and a compliment for everyone. She was cheerful and hard working even as she battled an incurable cancer for many years. Kitty raised five beautiful children with her husband Kent Kunz in Pocatello and later they moved to Boise.

She was politically active and her love for our country ran deep. She worked for three Congressmen, ran numerous campaigns, and served as an attaché at the Idaho State Legislature. She was active in Republican groups both in Pocatello and Boise and served for a decade as the secretary of the Idaho Republican Central Committee. She also served faithfully as president of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women. She helped found the Connor Academy in Pocatello, which is named after her grandson, and served as a member of the Idaho Charter School Commission.

When she was diagnosed with cancer, she said she wanted to get a red Mustang convertible and visit as many national parks as possible. Kitty did just that and she and Kent visited almost every national park in the western United States.

Her cheerful disposition, smile, laugh, and hugs will be treasured memories for all who knew her. She served her family, country, and the second congressional district of Idaho for many years.

My wife, Kathy and I, offer our deepest sympathies to Kitty's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. I will forever be grateful for Kitty's tireless service. Truly, so many of us are better people for having known Kitty Kunz. We will miss her, but know her good work continues in heaven.



## CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to join my fellow members of the Equality Caucus in celebrating Pride Month and the progress our country has made in securing equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. As we recognize our progress, we must keep fighting because the LGBTQ+ community has yet to be granted full equality.

Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising, the now-famous targeting of the gay community at the Stonewall Inn by police in New York City in June 1969. In the subsequent four decades since Stonewall, LGBTQ+ individuals can serve openly in the military, same-sex couples can wed, and the Supreme Court has upheld certain federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Much work remains to be done. Transgender individuals still face high levels of violence. Federal, state, and local laws still allow many forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. And just last week in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*, the Supreme Court found that anti-LGBTQ+ religious objections can override a government agency's policies to ensure equality. While the case focused on same-sex couples adopting children, it could have much broader ramifications.

For all these reasons, I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 5, the Equality Act, which extends anti-discrimination provisions in federal law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. I'm proud that the House passed this legislation on a bipartisan vote of 224 to 206 on February 25, 2021. I urge the Senate to take up this legislation and send it to the President's desk as soon as possible.

As we celebrate Pride Month, let us also remember the victims of anti-LGBTQ+ hate, mourn the loss of countless loved ones whose lives were lost in the battle against HIV/AIDS, and reaffirm our commitment to fighting for an America where all are equal, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation.

**TRIBUTE TO SOJOURNER KINCAID ROLLE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR**

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, of Santa Barbara, California.

It is community members like Sojourner that make Santa Barbara County special, and it is hard to put into words all of her contributions

to our community. She is a poet, playwright, environmental educator, and cultural and peace activist. She is known for her work raising awareness of our diverse cultural history throughout the county and is heavily involved as a guiding elder for Juneteenth Santa Barbara and Healing Justice Santa Barbara organizations.

In 2015 Sojourner was named Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara and served a two-year term. As a self-defined "public poet", she is invited to compose and present poems for numerous special occasions. She is a two-time recipient of the California Arts Council's Artist-in-Residence program and for nearly 30 years has led poetry workshops throughout the West Coast. Since 1997, she has engaged young poets through her "Song of Place Poetry Project" and her work with City at Peace, Speak for the Creeks, California Poets in the Schools, Poetry OutLoud, and the MLK Poetry and Essay Contest.

She is the author of seven books of poetry and six plays, and her poetry is published in across social media. Her arts reviews and commentaries have also appeared in local and regional publications. Sojourner is a truth teller. She exhumes our past stories and brings them to life as a reminder of where we have been and where we can go.

A founding member of Santa Barbara's Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Sojourner has also served with multiple Santa Barbara County organizations including the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, Santa Barbara NAACP, Santa Barbara Arts Council, the Fund for Santa Barbara Grantmaking Committee, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and the UCSB Center for Black Studies Research.

Sojourner is the glue that connects community members. She holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice with emphasis in Juvenile Delinquency and a J.D., but she is a teacher at heart, always ready to teach and inspire the community at large. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds. I am honored to recognize Sojourner for her continued commitment to improving our community and the residents of Santa Barbara County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, for her incredible service to her community.

**EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR—ANTHONY AND MICHAEL ZEG**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, over the weekend, I had the honor to meet Anthony and Michael Zeg from Franklinville, New Jersey. Both Anthony and Michael were awarded their Eagle Scout rank this year, and I had the privilege of attending their Eagle Scout Court of Honor. In order to meet the rank of Eagle Scout, they must participate in community service for their Eagle Scout project. Anthony and Michael both completed their project at the American Legion Post in Atco, NJ where each of them spent over 100 hours repairing and painting the building. Anthony is a senior

in high school and is attending Gloucester County Institute of Technology studying HVAC and also interns for two different HVAC companies. Michael plans on attending college to study engineering and will be interning for an engineering company this summer. Both of these boys have a bright future ahead of them and I wish them nothing but success. God Bless Anthony and Michael and God Bless America.

**ROSE MARY JOHNSON****HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Rose Mary Johnson, a recently retired educator.

Ms. Johnson has led a life of service and true love of community. She has spent several successful years teaching and serving in administrative roles in schools around the region. Shortly after beginning her teaching career, Johnson enlisted in the United States Army Reserves. It was here that she completed and retired with 31 years of service at the rank of Master Sergeant and with an array of medals and honors for her service.

In 1994, Ms. Johnson ran for the Jennings School Board on the platform that children needed to receive breakfast at school. She was successfully elected and has now just completed her 27th and final year on the board. Jennings Junior High was recently renamed Johnson Jennings Junior high school in her honor.

Rose Mary has been recognized by countless organizations for her unyielding commitment to her community, and since retiring she has continued to volunteer in various capacities.

For these reasons and more, St. Louis and I offer our deepest congratulations and gratitude to Rose Mary for her years of service. St. Louis has been enriched because of your contributions.

**HONORING RETIRING IU PRESIDENT MICHAEL MCROBBIE**

**HON. TREY HOLLINGSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Madam Speaker, in honor of President Michael McRobbie's upcoming retirement from Indiana University, I am proud to recognize his outstanding record of leadership and service to higher education.

Serving nearly 14 years as president, McRobbie is among the country's longest-serving presidents of a public higher education institution, and his dedication to expanding IU's programs, its impact on students, and the University's greater influence around Indiana is nothing short of remarkable.

Throughout his tenure, President McRobbie has worked to ensure IU remained an academically competitive and excellent institution. Under his leadership, President McRobbie prioritized building curriculums that were highly responsive to the evolving needs of its students, the Hoosier state, and industries



around the world. To that end, over the last decade, IU has strengthened its position as a research powerhouse and invested in improving communities around the state.

President McRobbie's commitment to IU and also serving Hoosiers has made a lasting impact on all who have passed through the institution. His legacy will live on long past his retirement, and I know I join graduates, colleagues, and Hoosiers around the state in thanking President McRobbie for his service to IU.

#### RECOGNIZING MENDENHALL HIGH SCHOOL AS THE MISSISSIPPI 2020 SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

##### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the American College Application Campaign (ACAC), which is part of the ACT's Center for Equity in Learning, is a national effort to increase the number of first-generation college students and students from low-income families pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. About 3.7 million students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia have been served, submitting nearly 6 million college applications since the campaign's inception in 2005.

ACAC gives a School of Excellence award for each state, and I'm proud to recognize Mendenhall High School as the 2020 School of Excellence award winner for Mississippi. Mendenhall High School was selected "based on its demonstrated commitment to student success, timely submission of data, and serving as an exemplary model for our state's application campaign," according to ACAC.

As its selection for this prestigious award demonstrates, Mendenhall High School creates unique opportunities that have positive and lasting impacts on the lives of its students. Because of the hard work of teachers, staff, and administration, Mendenhall High School students are better equipped to pursue higher education or become leaders in their communities out of high school.

I am personally thankful for Mendenhall High School's efforts, as I believe the education of our youth, who are the future leaders of our state and country, is a crucial component of our society. I congratulate Mendenhall High School once more on being selected for this outstanding award and encourage the school's administration to continue this wonderful work, which is having such a meaningful impact on the lives of young men and women.

#### CONGRATULATING THE PROSPECT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

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Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the many

family, friends, and community members gathered to add my congratulations to the Volunteer Fire Department of Prospect, Connecticut as they mark the 75th Anniversary of this very special organization.

Incorporated on September 11, 1945, the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department was founded and continues today as an all-volunteer effort. Over the course of its history, the department has grown and re-shaped itself to meet the changing needs of the community, but at its core has always been dedicated members of the community answering the call and living up to their motto—"neighbors helping neighbors." Indeed, many of those who volunteer today are 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations of the Department's original members.

And it is not just their volunteer efforts when it comes to combatting fires. From the dollars raised to buy their first fire truck to the construction of the Department's first building, to their most recent equipment purchases, the Department and its volunteer members depend more on the generosity of their neighbors and their community than they do on the annual town budget. As their written history accounts, "from the first dances at the old Chapel School House, through suppers, fireworks sales, "dollar a month club", Clyde Beatty Circus, and Carnival, the department has earned its own way. While a small amount of the expenses has been born by the town, fire coverage to equal that furnished by the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department would have cost the town thousands of dollars."

It is that spirit and deep sense of community that is what makes the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department such a unique and special organization. As the Prospect community gathers today to celebrate this wonderful achievement, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have dedicated not only their time, but their lives, to the safety of all Prospect residents. Firefighters face risks that many of us can never truly comprehend. Each day they must be able to perform under intense pressure—literally in life or death situations. Few things are more important than feeling safe in our homes and workplaces. Whether hosing down flames, rescuing a child from a burning house, or waiting for our call, firefighters are always there to protect us and provide us with the peace of mind we need to sleep at night. I am proud to recognize and commend the tremendous commitment they have made to our community. Our thanks and appreciation can never repay those who put their lives on the line to ensure our safety.

Today's celebration marks the 75th Anniversary of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department. The courage and dedication demonstrated each day by these men and women is reflective of the true spirit in which the department was established. I am indeed proud to rise today to extend my thanks for what they do each day, and congratulations on this remarkable accomplishment.

#### ABSECON DOG SHOW

##### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize a group of innovative children in

South Jersey who thought of and started the Absecon Dog Show. In 2018, Grace Marzick came up with the idea to create a dog show for mixed breeds. Grace then told her friend Zoey about her idea, so Zoey decided to form a committee with a group of their friends. On May 23rd, they held their 3rd annual dog show. Grace, Zoey, and their friends went around town and received sponsorships from local businesses to help fund the event. They even made posters and hung them up all over Absecon in South Jersey to advertise the event. This year's event had the largest turnout with 51 dogs making an appearance in the show. All of the proceeds raised from the Absecon Dog Show are donated to the Humane Society of Atlantic County. For their first event in 2018 they raised \$600, in 2019 they raised \$2,100 and so far this year they have raised \$2,500. These students are remarkable, running this event solely by themselves. This group of extraordinary students have a bright future ahead of them and I commend them on their dedication and community service. God Bless Grace, Zoey, and their friends, and God Bless America.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF MILT PETERSON

##### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Milton V. Peterson of Fairfax, VA.

Mr. Peterson passed away on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the age of 85 surrounded by his family. The founder of Peterson Cos., Mr. Peterson will long be remembered for his outsized impact on developing numerous major projects across the Washington, D.C. region. He developed some of the most successful and award-winning mixed-use retail, residential and office developments in Northern Virginia. In addition to being a visionary developer, Peterson and his wife, Carolyn established the Peterson Family Foundation, donating more than \$100 million to area charities.

Mr. Peterson was a thoughtful, hardworking, and passionate individual who greatly contributed to countless lives in Northern Virginia. Madam Speaker, I ask you to rise with me in memory of Mr. Milt Peterson. He will be profoundly missed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2021, I missed Roll Call vote 180. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 2062.

HONORING CHLOE CHANG OF PECK PLACE SCHOOL IN ORANGE, CONNECTICUT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

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Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, each year the community of Orange, Connecticut gathers for a solemn ceremony to mark Memorial Day. As part of this ceremony, local elementary school students are invited to submit essays that share their thoughts on Memorial Day and its meaning to them. Submissions from each of the community's three elementary schools are selected to be included in the ceremony. I had the opportunity to join the Orange ceremony this year and was inspired by the words of this year's winners and am pleased to have this opportunity to share them.

Chloe Chang, a student at Peck Place School submitted the following essay:

We dress in red, white, and blue, attend parades, and honor the men and women who have fallen in the Civil War. This holiday has been around for 182 years, and we still donate money, coupons, and flowers to the perished soldiers. Their sacrifices have allowed them to serve their country, putting the welfare of others before their own. How can we repay them? We can give a moment of silence, visit their burial ground, and learn about their history.

The holiday started in 1868, where North America was fighting to end slavery, and South America was fighting to preserve slavery. The war to end slavery lasted for over 4 years, and Robert E. Lee finally capitulated the last Confederate Soldiers to General Ulysses S. Grant. "Decoration Day" was declared by General John A. Logan in 1868. In "Decoration Day", flowers are laid on war graves in honor of the deceased. Memorial Day holiday was declared a national holiday in 1971 to honor those who have died in all American wars.

The Union Army has contributed immensely to our lives, and the least we can do is say a little thank you. The invaluable changes they made upon our history is indescribable, and we are forever indebted to them. These brave men and women have done much for their fatherland by sacrificing their own lives, and we continue to honor them on May 31, Memorial Day.

For more than two hundred years American soldiers have answered the call to defend our land and our values of freedom and democracy. With annual ceremonies like the one in Orange, that engage our youngest citizens, we ensure that we will never forget that our armed forces have a long and proud history, and that every one of our veterans has demonstrated outstanding courage, dedication, and service. It is my honor to rise today to thank Chloe Chang for her very special contribution to Memorial Day and her community.

GREG DESTEFANO

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize Greg DeStafano, a resilient fighter who left an impact on all of those he ever met. Greg DeStefano was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor at the age of 10 and he defied the odds, living more than 30 years past the doctor's initial prognosis. Greg's family was by his side every step of the way, and they emphasize the fact that he left an impact on all of those he met with his huge smile and kind heart. Despite the multiple brain surgeries that Greg underwent, he graduated from high school and went on to attend a vocational high school for communications. After graduating, he traveled to Mexico to help children in need. Greg longed to help others, despite his own struggles. Greg passed away at the age of 42 this year, with his family by his side, like they always had been. On the day of Greg's memorial, \$13,000 had been donated in his honor to the Make a Wish New Jersey Foundation. One week following his passing, the total raised was over \$17,000. The impact Greg left not only on his family, but his community, is remarkable. God Bless Greg and his family and God Bless America.